

## Message Text

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R 231728Z JAN 78  
FM AMEMBASSY CAPE TOWN  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 6625  
INFO AMEMBASSY BONN  
AMEMBASSY DAR ES SALAAM  
AMEMBASSY GABORONE  
AMEMBASSY MAPUTO  
AMEMBASSY LAGOS  
AMEMBASSY LONDON  
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AMEMBASSY PRETORIA

C O N F I D E N T I A L CAPE TOWN 0087

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PORG, SF, WA  
SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: BOTHA TAKES CREDIT FOR A-G STATEMENTS

REF: USUN 0190,

1. DURING THE CAPE TOWN FIVE MEETING WITH BOTHA ON JAN. 22,  
HE REFERRED TO THE STATEMENT BY ADMINISTRATOR-GENERAL  
STEYN WHICH WAS HANDED TO USUN IN NEW YORK (REFTEL).  
BOTHA SAID THAT STEYN'S ORIGINAL LANGUAGE WAS NOT  
ACCEPTABLE AND THAT HE (BOTHA) HAD HAD TO REDRAFT MAJOR  
SECTIONS OF THE STATEMENT.

2. BOTHA'S ALTERATION OF THE A-G'S STATEMENT  
SUGGESTS AN EFFORT TO DAMPEN EXPECTATIONS OF AN  
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ELECTION DATE ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE END OF THE MONTH.  
THE FOREIGN MINISTER'S REVELATION OF HIS CLEARANCE  
OF STEYN'S STATEMENT REFLECTS HOW CLOSELY TIED  
THE A-G IS TO THE SAG. HE IS NOT THE INDEPENDENT  
ACTOR WHICH SOME OF OUR COLLEAGUES HERE WOULD LIKE  
TO BELIEVE.  
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